

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for producing a work of art over a network based on popular demand from a minimum number of bids from users, comprising:

generating a project database implemented in a computer environment including at least one project record, wherein each project record indicates a work of art;

collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art at a fixed price per bid associated with the at least one project record;

updating the at least one project record to record the number of bids for the work of art associated with the specific project record; and

ordering the work of art to be produced if the number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of bids, wherein the minimum number of bids is greater than one.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising

setting a cutoff date by when the number of bids must reach the ~~number of~~ minimum number of bids.

3. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

obtaining a pre-payment or a guarantee for payment for the work of art while collecting bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

generating a user database including at least one user record, wherein each user record indicates a registered user.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one product record;
and

cancelling the work of art associated with the at least one product record if the cutoff date has been reached and the number of bids for the work of art associated with the project record does not reach the minimum number of bids.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

customizing credits associated with the work of art associated with the project record for each user by listing the user name as a co-producer of the work of art if the number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of bids.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record is performed over an Internet.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 4, further comprising:

transmitting over the network an input page in which the user enters information about interest and preferences of user;

receiving the input page with the information entered by the user; and

recording the information in the at least one user record associated with the user.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one product record;
and

collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record until the cutoff date has been reached.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for producing a work of art over a network based on popular demand from a minimum number of bids from users, comprising:

means for generating a project database including at least one project record, wherein each project record indicates a work of art;

means for collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art at a fixed price per bid associated with the at least one project record;

means for updating the at least one project record to record the number of bids for the work of art associated with the specific project record; and

means for ordering the work of art to be produced if the number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of bids, wherein the minimum number of bids is greater than one.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising

means for setting a cutoff date by when the number of bids must reach the ~~number of~~ minimum number of bids.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for obtaining a pre-payment or a guarantee for payment for the work of art while collecting bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for generating a user database including at least one user record, wherein each user record indicates a registered user.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one product record; and

means for cancelling the work of art associated with the at least one product record if the cutoff date has been reached and the number of bids for the work of art associated with the project record does not reach the minimum number of bids.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
means for customizing credits associated with the work of art asseeiated the project record for each user by listing the user name as a co-producer of the work of art if the number of bids for the work of art ~~associated with the at least one project record~~ reaches the minimum number of bids.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record is performed over an Internet.

17. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising:
means for transmitting over the network an input page in which the user enters information about interest and preferences of user;
means for receiving the input page with the information entered by the user; and
means for recording the information in the at least one user record associated with the user.

18. (Original) The system of claim 11, further comprising:
means for determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one product record; and
means for collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record until the cutoff date has been reached.

19. (Currently Amended) A program for producing a work of art over a network based on popular demand from a minimum number of bids from users, comprising a computer usable media including at least one computer program embedded therein that is capable or causing at least one computer to perform:

generating a project database including at least one project record, wherein each project record indicates a work of art;

collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art at a fixed price per bid associated with the at least one project record;

updating the at least one project record to record the number of bids for the work of art associated with the specific project record; and

ordering the work of art to be produced if the number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of bids, wherein the minimum number of bids is greater than one.

20. (Currently Amended) The program of claim 19, further performing setting a cutoff date by when the number of bids must reach the ~~number of~~ minimum number of bids.

21. (Original) The program of claim 19, further performing: obtaining a pre-payment or a guarantee for payment for the work of art while collecting bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record.

22. (Original) The program of claim 19, further performing: generating a user database including at least one user record, wherein each user record indicates a registered user.

23. (Original) The program of claim 20, further performing:
determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one product record;
and
cancelling the work of art associated with the at least one product record if the cutoff date
has been reached and the number of bids for the work of art associated with the project record
does not reach the minimum number of bids.

24. (Currently Amended) The program of claim 19, further performing:
customizing credits associated with the work of art associated with the project record for each
user by listing the user name as a co-producer of the work of art if the number of bids for the
work of art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of bids.

25. (Original) The program of claim 19, wherein collecting a number of bids from
users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record is performed over an
Internet.

26. (Original) The program of claim 22, further performing:
transmitting over the network an input page in which the user enters information about
interest and preferences of user;
receiving the input page with the information entered by the user; and
recording the information in the at least one user record associated with the user.

27. (Original) The program of claim 20, further performing:
determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one product record;
and
collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the at least one
project record until the cutoff date has been reached.